(d) what is the monthly average earning of a member of this Society ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) The Society makes payment to the members on the basis of piece rate as well as on monthly/daily rate basis. The monthly average earning of the members vary according to the job performed.

Purity of edible salt

2807. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a memorandum dated the 22nd July, 1990, has been received by Government from the Academy of Nutrition Improvement, Nagpur, regarding increase in the purity of edible salt;

(b) if so, what are the salient features of the memorandum;

(c) what is the reaction of Goverment thereto;

(d) whether it is a fact that purification of common salt from the existing 96 percent to 98 percent would make this essential item more costly; and

(e) whether the reasons mooted for raising the purity are backed by scientific study and health needs?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH) : (a) No, Sir. (b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) and (e) Central Salt & Maring Chemicals Research Institute, Bhavnagar had suggested to increase the sodium chloride content in common salt from 96% to 98%.However, there is no proposal with the Government for implementation of the suggestion. In case the sodium chloride content in common salt is increased from 96% to 98% Salt may become costlier.

Memorandum from the Small Hand Tools Manufacturing Association, Jalandhar, Punjab

2808. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any memorandum from the Small Hand Tools Manufacturing Association, Industrial Area, Jalandhar, Punjab;

(b) if so, what are the salient features of the said memorandum; and

(c) what is the reaction of Government there to?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA) : (a) and (b) A letter dt. 14.10.88 from Small Hand Tools Manufacturing Association, Jalandhar was received by the Office of the DC (SSI). The allegations were against the Principal Director Central Institute of Hand Tools (CIHT), Jalandhar, and are:

(1) Incorrect recording of minutes of the 12th Governing Council Meeting of CIHT, Jalandhar.

(2) Taking Government car to Hoshiarpur daily.

(3) Doing Private Trading.

(4) Making wrong in selection of staff.

(5) Sending material without payment.